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"CONVERTIBLE VEHICLE AND HINGE DEVICE"

## STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' attorneys respectfully request a report on the status of the above-identified application.

This application was published on June 14, 2007 and has been ready for examination since July 2007. However, to date, we have not received a first Office action.

Respectfully submitted,

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